

work for business, who have responsibilities to families, who find themselves in a position, through no fault of their own, that they cannot work. When that occurs we are asking them to live on \$200 a week. I met a number of those individuals. Some of them have worked for me. I find that it is impossible to do that. Someone says, well, then they have to go get another job, the wife has to work. Sometimes there is a wife who can work, and sometimes there is not. Sometimes there is no wife, sometimes it is the wife that is injured. The point I want to make is this, I don't believe it is possible to live on the \$200 a week, and I don't think \$210 is a living wage, and I don't think \$235 is. But I think \$235 is a reasonable figure. The amendment that I have, that we are going to discuss I hope soon, lowers that minimum back to the \$49. I think it should be that. I think we should do that. I think that would be an unnecessary burden on business to have that raised. But I do believe that the \$235 is a reasonable figure. I would hope that as we work through our economic development division, to bring industry to Nebraska, one of the issues we can discuss is that we have a reasonable kind of a workmen's comp. law so that labor likes to come to Nebraska. It is kind of interesting, you know, when Nebraska went after the General Motors automobile operation, we very proudly pointed to our right to work law. Very interestingly GM wasn't interested, nor were they impressed. They said, we have a very good relationship with UAW and we want to keep it, and we like to have an employee who is a satisfied, happy employee, and a productive employee. I believe that is important. You know the original provision of the bill provided for retroactivity. I agreed with Senator Barrett that at this time it should come out because we do not know whether it is constitutional or not. But I can point to a number of individuals in my district who were injured permanently on the job, who today are in wheelchairs and unable to work, who are living on \$180 or less a week. It's quite a trick if you can do it. You ought to try it sometimes. Many of us are going to have that experience I would predict, Senator Vickers, in future months, maybe even living on less than \$180 as times get worse. But it is not a very exhilarating experience, I can tell you. I would hope that you would not adopt Senator Goll's amendment. Again, I understand his sincerity. I understand the sincerity of NACI. But I want to point out, as Senator Vickers has pointed out, people have to eat. It is kind of interesting that they can eat beef, or they can eat